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        Xba I
 119  CTAGATAACG AGGGCAAAAA ATGAAAAAGA CAGCTATCGC GATTGCAGTG GCACTGGCTG
        TATTGC TCCCGTTTTT TACTTTTTCT GTCGATAGCG CTAACGTCAC CGTGACCGAC
                       1▶ MetLysLysT hrAlaIleAl alIeAlaVal AlaLeuAlaG
                           Cla I       EcoRI    SstI        KpnI  Smal     BamHI
 179  GTTTCGCTAC CGTAGCGCAG GC AT CGA TGA ATT CGA GCT CGG TAC CCG GGG
        CAAAGCGATG GCATCGCGTC CG TA GCT ACT TAA GCT CGA GCC ATG GGC CCC
  14▶ lyPheAIaTh rVaIAIaGIn AI  a
             XhoI        SaII     PstI          Eco47III
 230  ATC CCT CGA GGT CGA CCT GCA GGC AGC GCTATGAGAGGATCGCATCACCATCACCA
       TAG GGA GCT CCA GCT GGA CGT CCG TCG CGATACTCTCCTAGCGTAGTGGTAGTGGT
             Hind III                 1▶ AI aMetArgGIySerHisHisHisHisHi
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        AGTGATTATCTTCGA
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        Xba I
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                    ClaI        EcoRI     SstI      KpnI Smal   BamHI
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     CAAAGCGATG GCATCGCGTC CG TA GCT ACT TAA GCT CGA GCC ATG GGC CCC
14▶ lyPheAlaTh rValAlaGln Al  a
            Xhol      Sall      Pstl        Eco47III
230  ATC CCT CGA GGT CGA CCT GCA GGC AGC GCTATGAGAGGATCGCATCACCATCACCA
     TAG GGA GCT CCA GCT GGA CGT CCG TCG CGATACTCTCCTAGCGTAGTGGTAGTGGT
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3′ Primer:

AAT GTT GAA GCA TAA GGT ACC (SEQ ID NO: 13)

On page 29, the second full paragraph has been amended as follows:

~~Example 26: - *Construction of the Yeast Expression Vector (Fig. 13)*~~

~~For expression in yeast we used the pichia multi-copy expression system (Invitrogen). To construct the expression vector for manillase we used the PCR amplification method of the manillase gene in such a way that compatible restriction ends (5′ EcoR I, 3′ Not I) are generated for ligation into the appropriate vector (pPIC9K). Therefore the following primers were used:~~

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